



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

MEETING DATE: September 18, 2023

PREPARED BY: Administration

AGENDA ITEM: Retirement of Public Works Director/City Engineer Ken Ashfeld

PREVIOUS ACTIONS:

None.

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:

Recognize Ken Ashfeld for his 35 years of service to the City of Maple Grove.

COMMENTS:

After growing up on a farm in central Minnesota, Ken began his work life in 1971 at the Watkins Coop Creamery where he forged his strong work ethic as a laborer/cheesemaker. He joined the U.S. Navy and was stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, for more than two years. After his military service, Ken attended the University of Minnesota where he studied engineering and worked as bartender at Gene's Liquor in Watkins during summer breaks. After his studies at the U of M, Ken followed his career path to the City of Richfield, Meyer-Rohlin, Inc., the City of Shakopee, and landed at the City of Maple Grove as the city engineer in 1988 where he has provided 35 years of dedicated service. In 2010, he was promoted to public works director/city engineer, where he has been providing leadership to the department for 13 years.

Ken has guided the development of Maple Grove, through the planning for and construction of the city's transportation system, utilities and development projects. Ken is a highly valued and well respected member of the Maple Grove team and his presence will be missed at the dais, public works and the Government Center. Ken, we wish you a happy retirement and all the best in your future endeavors.

ATTACHMENTS:

None.